

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 have been examined. Claims 13-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Also, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-12 are allowed.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner has rejected claims 13-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

On September 5, 2007, the undersigned contacted the Examiner to discuss the rejections, to discuss support for the claim recitations and to discuss potential amendments of the claims. The Examiner indicated that the amendments, as set forth herein, appear acceptable for overcoming the rejections. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 13-18.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

As set forth above, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-12 contain allowable subject matter.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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